

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

EL PAPEL LLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JAY INSLEE, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:20-cv-01323-RAJ-JRC

ORDER ON UNOPPOSED
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
BRIEF OF AMICI CURIAE

This matter is before the Court on proposed *amici curiae*'s unopposed motion for leave to file a brief in opposition to plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction (Dkt. 16). *See* Dkt. 41. Proposed *amici curiae* attached a proposed brief in opposition to the instant motion. *See* Dkt. 41-1. Proposed *amici curiae* state that they have conferred with all parties as to this motion and that all parties are unopposed to the admission of the proposed *amicus* brief. *See* Dkt. 41, at 1.

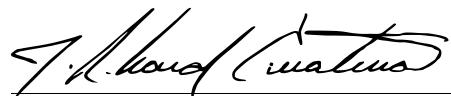
"District courts may consider *amicus* briefs from non-parties concerning legal issues that have potential ramifications beyond the parties directly involved or if the *amicus* has unique information or perspective that can help the court beyond the help that the lawyers for the parties

are able to provide.” *Macareno v. Thomas*, 378 F. Supp. 3d 933, 940 (W.D. Wash. 2019) (internal citations omitted). “The ‘classic role’ of *amicus curiae* is to assist a court in a case of public interest by ‘supplementing the efforts of counsel,’ and “generally courts have ‘exercised great liberality’ in permitting amicus briefs.” *California v. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior*, 381 F. Supp. 3d 1153, 1163–64 (N.D. Cal. 2019) (quoting *Miller-Wohl Co. v. Comm’r of Labor & Indust.*, 694 F.2d 203, 204 (9th Cir. 1982); *Woodfin Suite Hotels, LLC v. City of Emeryville*, No. C 06-1254 SBA, 2007 WL 81911, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 9, 2007)).

Having reviewed the instant motion and proposed *amicus* brief (*see* Dkts. 41, 41-1), the Court finds that proposed *amici curiae*, a collection of public interest organizations, have demonstrated that they have an interest in the issues presented to the Court in plaintiffs’ motion for preliminary injunction (Dkt 16). *See California v. U.S. Dep’t of the Interior*, 381 F. Supp. 3d at 1164. The Court further finds that the information contained in the proposed *amicus* brief (Dkt. 41-1) to be helpful regarding the potential public interest ramifications beyond the parties directly involved regarding the impact of plaintiffs’ requested relief on low-income renters. *See Macareno*, 378 F. Supp. 3d at 940.

Accordingly, the Court finds good cause to GRANT the motion for leave to file the proposed *amicus* brief. Dkt. 41. *Amici curiae* shall file the amicus brief on or before October 23, 2020.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2020.



J. Richard Creatura
United States Magistrate Judge